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SUBJ: MALAWI-ZAMBIA RAIL LINK

1. IN SPEECH CLOSING PARLIAMENT MARCH 27, PRESIDENT BANDA ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS ASSURED ON 22 MARCH OF ZAMBIA GOVT DECISION TO CONSTRUCT RAIL LINK WITHIN TWO YEARS TO CONNECT WITH MALAWI SYSTEM NEAR CHIPATA. BANDA MENTIONED "KANONA NEAR SELENJE" AS POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR NEW LINE FROM PRESENT ZAMBIA RAIL SYSTEM TO MALAWI. BANDA SAID HE HAD GIVEN ORDERS TO QUICKEN CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR SALIMA-LILONGWE-MCHINJI LINE IN MALAWI TO ENSURE COMPLETION WITHIN TWO YEARS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LUSAKA'S COMMENT ON WHETHER MALAWI-ZAMBIA RAIL LINK-UP IS IN FACT MOVING THIS FAST. FYI: OUR LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT FINANCING ARRANGMENTS FOR LILONGWE-MCHINJI RAIL SEGMENT HAVE NOT BEEN FINALLY CONCLUDED ALTHOUGH GOM OBVIOUSLY IS COUNTING ON SOUTH AFRICAN SOURCE. STEVENSON

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